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well, a daughter of the late publishing magnate Robert Maxwell, who vanished off his yacht *Lady Ghislaine* in 1991.

Epstein's plans for the ranch have been spelled out in state and Santa Fe County documents.

The main house will be similar to a Mexican hacienda, with an open-air entry into a courtyard with high-ceiling hallways, stone columns and a central fountain. The living room will measure about 2,100-square-feet, larger than the average house in Santa Fe County. The home will have an elevator, eight bathrooms, four fireplaces and three bedrooms.

His contractors told state building permit employees that the mansion will cost $1.06 million to build.

But former state treasurer David King, who ranches in the Stanley area and whose family sold Epstein the land, said the building costs must be closer to $100 per square-foot, making the home a $3 million project. He said Epstein has also built top-notch barns and living quarters for his staff.

The ranch already has several buildings standing, including a manager's house, assistant ranch manager's house, bunk house and staff quarters.

"He's building what you want as a heavenly ranch," King said about Epstein. "He wants to make it a real ranch. He's doing a quality job."

Epstein has a county permit to build a small airplane hangar and has an air strip on the ranch. He also plans to have a pool cabana, a 30-tree fruit orchard and a one-acre organic garden, according to county documents.

The millionaire's contractors have told the county that he will not disturb several petroglyph sites on his property. Project employees also guaranteed county commissioners that the property will not be used as a commercial dude ranch or retreat.

The ranch will use private wells and septic tanks, according to county documents.

The county originally classified the ranch as a large-scale residential development, which would mean Epstein would have to install a community water and sewer system. The County Commission on Aug. 8 turned down a request by the ranch to make an exception to the rule.

The next day, however, Zorro Ranch representatives met with county attorney Steve Kopelman, who said the ranch did not fit the large-scale residential development classification under county code. That classification was for dormitories, nursing homes, condominiums and other such projects, Kopelman said.

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Zorro Ranch got its permit that same day.

Not everyone in Stanley, population 30, gossips much about plans for the nearby mansion, according to Addie Jo Smith, manager of the Landon Store — the local feed store, general store and gas station.

"To each his own," Smith said. "I'm not really curious or anything about it. It's none of my business."

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Sen. Bob Packwood

One man's fall: Packwood's descent into disgrace

By SCOTT SONNER and CALVIN WOODWARD
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Bob Packwood's power made things happen but it could not, as it turned out, make things go away.

Checking into an alcohol-abuse clinic back in 1992, confessing to unspecific wrongdoing, pleading ignorance to changing mores, jousting with investigators with all the strategic thinking that had carried him into high Senate regard in happier times — none of that stopped his 33-month spiral into disgrace.

Not since the Civil War has the Senate expelled anyone, and back then the sin was support for the Confederacy.

Under threat of expulsion, recommended unanimously by the Senate Ethics Committee, Packwood announced his resignation Thursday. The champion of women stood accused in numbing, tawdry detail of being their tormentor.

The same compulsive behavior that got the Oregon Republican in trouble with wine and women helped bring his downfall — painfully detailed diaries boasting of his sexual exploits and well-heeled connections.

Those pages told a tale of ego and vanity overshadowing almost anything seen in the Senate, where self-importance is hardly unknown.

His "stream of consciousness thinking," as he put it, lingered over the sex in his office, the favors for lobbyists, the admiration he heard from so many quarters, even the confidence he achieved from blow-dried hair.

But his alteration of the diaries in an alleged attempt to deceive the committee leaves Packwood vulnerable to prosecution. If the Justice Department brings charges, conviction could lead to prison.

When first notified in March 1993 that the Ethics Committee wanted him to turn over all his personal papers, Packwood dictated to his diary, "I was scared to death."

But ultimately he had believed his diaries would not sink him because they referred only to his sexual successes, not the times he was a "rejected suitor," his gentlemanly phrase for actions that women said included pinning them up against a wall and grabbing their crotches.

Trouble came at him after the 1992 election when *The Washington Post* reported allegations by 10 women that Packwood had made unwelcome sexual advances toward them. He had been presented with the allegations before but attacked the women's credibility and the charges were not immediately reported.

Within days, he had entered an alcohol treatment program and soon seemed chastened, acknowledging, "I just didn't get it" but "I do now." Meanwhile,

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MYSTERY NO MORE, SHE SAYS

Jason Kosk/The New Mexican
Amateur historian Mary Jean Cook believes she has solved the mystery of who built the 'miraculous' spiral staircase.

FRENCHY'S STAIRCASE?

By LAURA BENDIX
The New Mexican

Mary Jean Cook believes she has solved one of Santa Fe's better-known mysteries.

The amateur historian has identified the carpenter she believes built the "miraculous" spiral staircase at historic Loretto Chapel — a Frenchman named Francois-Jean Rochas.

"This man fits the legend," she said. "There's a lot we'll never know, but there's a lot we do know that convinces me he was the builder of the staircase."

Legend has it that when the small Gothic chapel on Old Santa Fe Trail was built in 1873, the architect forgot to include a way for the nuns to reach the choir loft. A conventional staircase would have taken too much room, so the nuns either had to climb a dangerous ladder or rebuild the balcony.

The nuns prayed to St. Joseph — himself a carpenter — to solve their problem.

On the last night of the nuns' novena, a gray-haired stranger appeared with a tool chest and asked whether the sisters had any work. When they told him about the loft, he offered to build a stair-

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Historian's case

By MARY JEAN COOK
For The New Mexican

"Miracle Staircase Carpenter Indentity Revealed"

It is not the first time *The New Mexican* has carried this headline. Though 25 years have passed since it last appeared on the newspaper's front page, the opening paragraph of this story might well be the same as in 1970 ..."the ancient and beautiful legend of the Famous Staircase in the Chapel of Our Lady of Light in Santa Fe remains intact today although the identity of the mysterious builder has been unveiled." Reporter Ron Longto wrote the article in *The New*

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N.Y. financier plans massive Stanley home

By SHARYN OBSATZ
The New Mexican

Something big is coming to the quiet, rural valley near Stanley, N.M.

Something very big.

A New York financier is building a 26,700-square-foot hilltop mansion, which will be twice the size of the largest home in Santa Fe County and is possibly the largest house in the state.

The home's owner, Jeffrey Epstein of Manhattan, received state and county approvals last month to start building a mansion on the 10,000-acre Zorro Ranch he bought from former Gov. Bruce King's family in 1993.

The millionaire, described by associates as a yoga enthusiast and casual dresser who has shopped at Wild Oats natural food grocery in Santa Fe, will build his house about two miles away from N.M. 41 between Galisteo and Stanley.

"They do some things that some of us think is extravagant," Bill Powell, who built a few ranch buildings there already, said of Epstein and his friends.

He said Epstein has bread flown in from New York and bought $600 bed sheets to help furnish some of the bedrooms.

"They're nice people," Powell said. "They do have money. They should be a welcome participant in the economy of New Mexico."

Epstein heads J. Epstein & Co., a money-management company in New York City, according to his staff and previous news reports.

But he apparently is a private man who has sworn his ranch employees to secrecy.

His assistant at J. Epstein & Co. said Epstein was on a business trip last week, and Epstein did not return several phone calls from *The New Mexican*.

A search of past newspaper articles and financial directories provides little information about him.

Epstein had been identified in news articles as the president of Wexner Investment Co., which is owned by Leslie Wexner, the man who built the billion-dollar The Limited Co. clothing empire. The company developed thousands of stores across the country, including outlets under the names The Limited, Victoria's Secret, Express, Lerner New York, Structure and Lane Bryant.

Wexner and Epstein together pledged to raise monies for a Jewish student center at Harvard University in 1991, according to *The New York Times*.

Powell said Epstein also has personal ties to Ghislaine Max-

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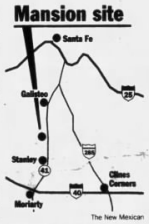

HOW BIG IS IT?

New York financier Jeffrey Epstein's planned mansion in southern Santa Fe County will be 26,700 square feet, more than twice the size of the largest house in Santa Fe County:

- The house's total square-footage is greater than a half-acre of ground.
- It will be larger than either of the six-screen movie theaters at Villa Linda Mall in Santa Fe.
- It will be about one-third the size of the Sears department store at Villa Linda.
- The house, with a 4,000-square-foot courtyard, will equal the size of Marian Hall, part of the old St. Vincent Hospital complex on East Palace Avenue.
- The living room alone, measuring about 2,100-square-feet, will be larger than the average house in Santa Fe and big enough to fit about 19 Mercedes Benz S600 sedans, the car maker's largest model, parked side to side and end to end.

Sources: Santa Fe County, Villa Linda Mall management, state Construction Industries Division, Premier European Motorcar Co.

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Latinos show smallest affirmative action gains

Los Angeles Times

Three decades after the government launched its most ambitious and controversial foray into social engineering, affirmative action has left an unmistakable and complex mark that has altered the face of the nation's workplaces.

In the textile belt of the Carolinas, whites who once held an iron-grip monopoly on mill jobs toil side by side with blacks.

At Denver's phone company, another bastion of white men, women have wrested the largest share of the jobs and almost one-third of management positions.

In the sleek skyscrapers of Boston's financial district, black women have surged past black men in professional positions, mirroring a stunning 2-1 edge nationwide.

And in a bulking federal building in West Los Angeles, blacks have become heavily overrepresented in government offices, while Latinos, 38 percent of Los Angeles County's population, are strikingly absent.

Shifting patterns of employment form the backdrop for the national struggle over affirmative action. But in the emotion-laden clash over jobs and fairness, fundamental questions remain unanswered. What effect have these programs had since the 1960s, when the federal government beheld America's charred cities and launched its crusade to eradicate "widespread ... crushing" job discrimination? Who has benefited most — and at what cost?

A wide-ranging *Los Angeles Times* examination of government

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